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Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

"(b) South-South cooperation for development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 20th and 21st meetings, on 22 and 23 October 2018. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.[1] Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, on 8, 9 and 10 October.[2] An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 4 October 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the forty-second annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77, held in New York on 27 September 2018 (A/73/417)

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols A/73/543, A/73/543/Add.1 and A/73/543/Add.2.

[1] A/C.2/73/SR.20 and A/C.2/73/SR.21.

[2] See A/C.2/73/SR.2, A/C.2/73/SR.3, A/C.2/73/SR.4, A/C.2/73/SR.5 and A/C.2/73/SR.6.

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Letter dated 22 October 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 26 September 2018 (A/73/455)

Item 25 (a)
Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2018 (A/73/63-E/2018/8)

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of donor reporting requirements across the United Nations system" (A/73/320 and A/73/320/Corr.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of donor reporting requirements across the United Nations system" (A/73/320/Add.1 and A/73/320/Add.1/Corr.1)

Item 25 (b)
South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (A/73/321)

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Progress report on the recommendations contained in the review of South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2011/3)" (A/73/311)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Progress report on the recommendations contained in the review of South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2011/3)" (A/73/311/Add.1)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (A/73/376)

4. At the 20th meeting, on 22 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)); the Deputy Director for Policy and Strategic Partnerships of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation in the United Nations Development Programme (under sub-item (b)); an Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit (under sub-item (b)); and the Secretary and Director of the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (under sub-item (b)).

5. At the 23rd meeting, on 8 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.[3]

6. At the 27th meeting, on 3 December, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions adopted by the Committee.[4]

[3] See A/C.2/73/SR.23.
[4] See A/C.2/73/SR.27.